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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR,PLO,RW

SUBJECT: RWANDAN RECOGNITION PLO

REF: KIGALI 188

1. AS CITED REFTTEL PLO OFFICE WAS INVOLVED KHARTOUM TRAGEDY. WE HAVE HAD REPORTS THAT PLO OFFICE IN EAST BERLIN MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN PROVISION OF ARMS TO ARAB TERRORISTS IN WEST GERMANY, ALTHOUGH THIS INTELLIGENCE IS NOT FIRM. WE DID MAKE UNILATERAL REPRESENTATIONS TO THE SOVIETS ABOUT OPENING OF PLO OFFICE IN EAST BERLIN, BUT DID NOT ELICIT POSITIVE RESPONSE.

2. OUR CURRENT ASSESSMENT IS THAT PLO OFFICES IN EAST BERLIN AND ELSEWHERE ARE BEING CIRCUMSPECT. IN RECENT PAST PLO HAS NORMALLY BEEN CAREFUL TO AVOID VIOLATIONS OF ITS OFFICIAL STATUS AND HAS DISASSOCIATED ITSELF FROM TERRORIST/SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY SPLINTER

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GROUPS SUCH AS PFLP ETC. FOREGOING OF COURSE DOES NOT

APPLY TO TERRORIST ACTS WITHIN ISRAEL ITSELF FOR WHICH PLO
TAKES CREDIT-E.G. RECENT SAVOY HOTEL ATTACK IN TEL AVIV.

3. ALSO, AS EMBASSY MAY BE AWARE, THERE HAS BEEN A PLO
OFFICE IN NEW YORK FOR PAST SEVERAL YEARS, ANTEDATING
PLO'S RECENT RECOGNITION BY THE UN. IF GOR KNOWS OF THIS
OFFICE, IT MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR EMBASSY TO PERSUADE GOR
THAT USG PERCEIVES REAL THREAT TO SECURITY IN
ESTABLISHMENT OF PLO OFFICE IN KIGALI.

4. ON OTHER SIDE OF COIN, WE NOTE RECENT THREAT BY
FATAH SPOKESMAN ZUHAYR MUHSIN THAT PLO RESERVED RIGHT
TO ATTACK ISRAELI TARGETS "IN JAPAN, THE US OR ANYWHERE
IN THE WORLD."

5. WE THINK YOUR TACTIC OF URGING DELAY IS BEST ONE TO
USE. IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH NSEKALIJE AND LIZINDE
YOU SHOULD PURSUE THIS IN A LOW KEY FASHION, POINTING OUT
THAT SUCH STATEMENTS AS THE ONE MADE BY MUHSIN ARE NOT
REASSURING AND THAT GOR WILL BE BORROWING TROUBLE BY
PERMITTING PLO TO OPERATE IN RWANDA. REALISTICALLY BEST
WE CAN EXPECT FROM GOR IS AGREEMENT TO DO NOTHING POSITIVE
TOWARD PLO AND SIMPLY WAIT FOR PLO TO MAKE THE NEXT
MOVE. INGERSOLL

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